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Report Summary

TO: Members of the Judicial Council

FROM: Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
Hon. Michael Nash, Chair
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DATE: April 4, 2000

SUBJECT: Adoption Forms: *Petition for Adoption, Petitioner Consent and Agreement to Adoption, Order of Adoption, and Consent to Termination of Parental Rights and Certification—Adoption of an Indian Child* (revise Forms: ADOPT-200, ADOPT-210, ADOPT-215, and ADOPT-225)

Issue Statement

The proposed revisions address two issues:

1. Adoptive parents are not always aware of the financial and medical resources available to them for the care of their adoptive children.
2. Siblings who are subject to juvenile court proceedings are not always placed in the same home together. Often they are adopted by different parents.

In addition, current Form ADOPT-225 contains an incorrect citation. The proposed revisions are technical changes to provide adoptive parents with information about the Adoption Assistance Program, to ensure that adopted children can remain in contact with their biological siblings, and to correct the citation.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2001, revise *Petition for Adoption* (Form ADOPT-200) *Petitioner Consent and Agreement to Adoption* (Form ADOPT-210), *Order of Adoption* (Form ADOPT-215), and *Consent to Termination of Parental Rights and Certification—Adoption of an Indian Child* (Form ADOPT-225).

Rationale for Recommendation

These revisions will benefit the parties using the adoption forms.

Alternative Actions Considered

Not applicable.

Comments From Interested Parties

There are no comments since the proposal was not circulated for comment, as per the Rules and Forms Committee.

Implementation Requirements and Costs

There will be no additional actions that the staff or the courts will need to take, nor will there be any costs associated with implementing the recommendation.

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